COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CHARLES COUNTY, MARYLAND

RESOLUTION NO. 2015- 19

A RESOLUTION concerning the Community Legacy grant for the Hughesville Tobacco Warehouse Façade Improvements and Plaza Project.

WHEREAS, Charles County recognizes that there is a significant need for reinvestment and revitalization of the Village of Hughesville; and

WHEREAS, the County adopted a Village Revitalization Plan for Hughesville in 2007; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Hughesville was designated as a Sustainable Community in 2012, and thus is eligible for State funding programs including Community Legacy; and

WHEREAS, the County has been working with the owners and developers of a project to redevelop two key historic tobacco buildings in Hughesville Village into a multi-use destination center with a farmers market, entertainment venue, and cultural/museum space; and

WHEREAS, in 2014 the County applied for \$300,000 in State Community Legacy grant funds to fund the Hughesville Tobacco Warehouse Façade Improvements and Plaza Project, consisting of façade beautification improvements to one of the aforementioned tobacco buildings and an adjoining outdoor plaza, to serve as a catalyst project for revitalization of the Village; and

WHEREAS, the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development (the "Department"), either through Community Legacy or through other Programs of the Department, or in cooperation with other State departments or agencies, has awarded a portion of the financing for the Project in the amount of \$200,000 (the "Project Financing") in order to assist in making it financially feasible; and

WHEREAS, the project Owners have committed to fund the remaining \$100,000 to make up the difference between the grant award and the total project cost, as described in the project budget in the Grant Agreement, and the county will enter into a separate agreement with the Owners to outline the responsibilities of each; and

WHEREAS, the Project is located within a Priority Funding Area under Section 5-7B-02 of the Smart Growth Act and the Project will conform to the local zoning code.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Charles County Commissioners as follows: that Charles County hereby endorses the Hughesville Tobacco Warehouse Façade Improvements and Plaza Project (the "Project"); that Charles County supports the award and receipt of financial assistance for the Project in the form of a grant, in the amount of \$200,000, further described in the Community Legacy Agreement ("The Agreement"), to be financed either directly by the Department of Housing and Community Development (the "Department") of the State of Maryland or through other departments or agencies of the State of Maryland; that the Board of County Commissioners hereby endorses this Resolution, indicating their support herein.

ADOPTED this 22 day of <u>September</u> 2015, by the County Commissioners of Charles County, Maryland.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CHARLES COUNTY, MARYLAND

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